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		This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:				
		 □ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)) □ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4) □ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3) 				
2.	. With regard to the elements* of the international application, this report is based on <i>(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):</i>					
	Des	cription, Pages				
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	Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability				
1.	The obvi	ne questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non- poious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:			
		the entire international application,			
	\boxtimes	claims Nos. 8,9			
		because:			
	×	the said international application, or the said claims Nos. (with regard to industrial applicability) relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):			
		see separate sheet			
		ne description, claims or drawings <i>(indicate particular elements below)</i> or said claims Nos. are so unclear nat no meaningful opinion could be formed <i>(specify)</i> :			
		the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.			
		no international search report h	nal search report has been established for the said claims Nos.		
		ne nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex of the Administrative Instructions in that:			
		the written form		has not been furnished	
				does not comply with the standard	
		the computer readable form		has not been furnished	
				does not comply with the standard	
		the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.			
		See separate sheet for further	deta	ils	

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims

1-9

No: Claims

1-27,50-60,65-72,76-79,81-85

Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims

28-49,80,86

No: Claims

1-9

Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes: Claims

1-7

No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-6350771 D2: WO-A-0035884

Re Item III

Claims 8 and 9 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(i) PCT).

Re Item V

- 1) The subject-matter of present claims 1-9 is new (Article 33(2) PCT).
- 3) The subject-matter of claims 1-9 does not involve an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

The closest prior art is represented by D1 relating to insecticides. The subject-matter of the present claim 1 differs from the claim 1 of D1 only in that R1 is C(S)NH2 and not C(NOY)R1 (see also examples: 35, 57, 126,131, 136,140,145, 156, 162, 167, 173, 179).

The technical problem underlying the present application is seen in the provision of alternative pesticides. In view of the test results disclosed on page 74, the problem appears to be solved.

However, the claimed solution does not involve inventive step. D2 also relating to pesticides discloses compounds closely related to the compounds of D1. The claim 1 of D2 relates to compounds in which R1 can have several meanings, among them C(NOH)NH2 (as the compounds of D1) and CSNH2 (as the presently claimed compounds).

Thereby, D2 prompts the skilled person faced with the above mentioned technical problem to modify the compounds of D1 by replacing the group C(NOH)NH2 by CSNH2. Consequently, the subject of present claim 1 is obvious with regard to the combination of D1 and D2.

In order to support inventive activity, the present compounds would have to exhibit

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unexpected effects or properties compared to the closest compounds of D1 (e.g. compound 126 of D1).